

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
ANNOUNCES VACANCIES ON THE COTTON PEST CONTROL BOARD**

SACRAMENTO, September 30, 2009 - The California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Integrated Pest Control Branch is announcing two vacancies on the Cotton Pest Control Board. This advisory board makes recommendations to the CDFA Secretary on all matters pertaining to the Pink Bollworm Program and other cotton pest control programs.

The term of office for a board member is unlimited. The members receive no compensation, but are entitled to payment of necessary traveling expenses in accordance with the rules of the Department of Personnel Administration.

Vacancies are for a Kings County member, District II; and a Merced County member, District IV; representing the cotton industry as a cotton grower. Individuals interested in being considered for the board appointment should send a brief resume to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Integrated Pest Control Branch, 1220 N Street, Room 341, Sacramento, California 95814, Attention: Larry Bezark by Wednesday, December 9, 2009.

For additional information, visit the branch's web page at:
http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/IPC/pinkbollworm/pbw_hp.htm; or contact: Larry Bezark, Chief of Integrated Pest Control Branch at (916) 654-0768, by fax, (916) 653-2043, or e-mail: lbezark@cdfa.ca.gov.